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3. Mental and physical condition. A physician who has full knowledge of the individual should give, in the "Physician's Section" of Form No. 1, any information he considers pertinent relating to the question of sterilization for the individual. The physician should specifically give the following:
- a. A diagnosis of either "mentally diseased," "feeble-minded," or "epileptic."
    - (1) "Mentally diseased." If the patient is diagnosed as "mentally diseased," a psychiatrist must either sign the petition or a separate statement of a psychiatrist to this effect must accompany the petition.
    - (2) "Feeble-minded." If the patient is diagnosed as "feeble-minded," a report of a psychologist establishing this fact must accompany the petition.
    - (3) "Epilepsy." If the patient is diagnosed as epileptic, the physician should specify the causative factors, type and frequency of the convulsions, and patient's response to medication.
  - b. His opinion as to the possibility of reproduction on the part of the patient. To illustrate, is there an infantile uterus?